Clan Turnbull Ebenezer

Update 20th June 2009

This newsletter is to remind Turnbull Clan members about the forthcoming Bicentenary of the Ebenezer Church and to let you know that Marie and I will have a marquee on site for the big day on 20th June, 2009.

We hope to have a number of items on display relative to the Turnbull ancestors as well as several inexpensive souvenirs, such as bookmarks, coasters etc, which you will be able to purchase as a memento of this very important occasion.

It would be greatly appreciated if members coming to this event who have interesting documents or collectors' items relative to the Turnbull Clan would bring them along for others to see.

Marie and I thought this newsletter would be made more interesting by including a couple of reproduced photographs and a little detail of one or two of John Turnbull and Ann Warr's descendants for you to think about.

John Warr Turnbull and his wife Ann Manning.

Courtesy Marie Turnbull.

John Warr Turnbull was the seventh child of George Turnbull and Louisa Ann Chaseling. John was born at Lower Hawkesbury on 9th August, 1840, and died at Sackville Reach on 10th December, 1928. He married Ann Manning at Lower Hawkesbury on 9th October, 1865.They had ten children.

John's father, George Turnbull, was the seventh child of John Turnbull and Ann Warr, the pioneers responsible for the creation of the Turnbull Clan, not only in New South Wales but also in the other States around Australia.

John arrived in Sydney Cove on the Coromandel at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, 13th June, 1802, with his wife, Ann Warr and their four eldest children, Ralph, Mary Anne, James Warr and Jessica.

George Turnbull was born at Portland Head on 6th July, 1806, and died at Portland Head on 26th July, 1885. He married Louisa Ann Chaseling at Portland Head on 9th October, 1826 and they had twelve children, the third of whom was James Turnbull, born at Sackville Reach on 13th February, 1832. James married Mary Ann Winton at Wilberforce on 22nd February, 1854 and they had eleven children.

James died at Sackville Reach on 22nd January, 1906, and the following poem was placed at the bottom of his obituary in the Gazette of Sunday, 27th January, 1906.

In Memory of James Turnbull.
Oh! Poor old James has gone,
No more we'll hear his voice, To
heaven his soul is borne, And it
makes our hearts rejoice.

A cheerful word he always had,
For young and old alike,
And tho' his death has made us sad,
We're pleased to know he's alright.

And to you, his loving wife,
I pray that God may give you strength,
To bear the trials of this short life,
In heaven to meet your love at length.
And do not weep, ye children dear,
For now your Dad has gone to rest,
His life was good, ye need not fear,
His feet from off your shores have passed.

Yea, rather thank God for his love,
For calling thy dear one away,
To that blest home of saints above,
There to reign with him for aye.

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Also, on the bottom of this obituary was a list of the family siblings among whom was Mrs William Harrison.

This person was Selena Sophia (Dolly) Turnbull, the ninth child of James and Mary Turnbull. She married William Binney Harrison on 7th February, 1892, at Sackville Reach. These were my grandparents.

Selina Sophia HARRISON
26 December 1870 – 17 July 1939

William Binney HARRISON
10 November 1860 – 15 April 1929

On Display at the Bicentenary, Marie and I hope to have a number of mementos from various members of the Turnbull Clan including a tapestry done in 1886 by Selina's mother, Mary Ann, which was a family register showing the names and birth dates of her eleven children.

This tapestry was sewn with flower-dyed cotton which has preserved the colours well and has survived floods on James and Mary Ann's granddaughter's Dairy farm along the Maria River just south of Telegraph Point.

We are looking forward to meeting you all on 20th June. 2009, at the Ebenezer Church.

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